

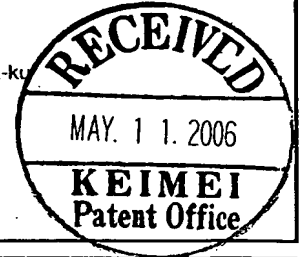
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International application No. PCT/JP2004/008342	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 June 2004 (15.06.2004)
Applicant SUMITOMO (SEI) STEEL WIRE CORP. et al	

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/008342	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 15 June 2004 (15.06.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 19 June 2003 (19.06.2003)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant SUMITOMO (SEI) STEEL WIRE CORP.		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

TRANSLATION

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

To:

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/008342

Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
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4. Additional comments:

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-20	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP, 7-278717, A (Ube Industries, Ltd.), 24 October, 1995 (24.10.95)
 Document 2: JP, 5-504 602, A (Allied Signal Inc.), 15 July 1993 (15.07.93) & WO, 91/13181 A1
 Document 3: JP, 60-221142, A (Kobe Steel, Ltd), 05 November 1985 (05.11.85)
 Document 4: JP, 11-172359, A (Furukawa Electric Co. Ltd), 29 June 1999 (29.06.99)

The subject matters of claims 1-5 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 (Table 1, page 1 to Table 6, page 7) or document 2 (lines 10 to line ,right lower column, page 2) and document 3 (line 6 to line 15, left upper column, page 2), cited in the ISR.

It is well known technology that magnesium alloy is used to manufacture screws, and a person skilled in the art could easily conceived manufacturing magnesium alloy screws by use of magnesium alloy of high tensile strength described in documents 1 and 2.

The tensile strength of magnesium alloy disclosed in document 1 is noted to be 205MP a (Example 18), which differs from that of the claimed invention only by several percent, so that the present invention is not found to have remarkable effect as compared with the cited reference.

Further, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived adding Zn-Zr to magnesium alloy.

The subject matters of claims 6-20 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 2 or 3 (lines 6-15, left upper column, page 2 to line 8, right upper column), and document 4 (Par. No. [0008] right column, page 3 to Par. No. [0023] right column, page 3) cited in the ISR.

The two-stage plastic working of magnesium alloy that allows plastic working at low temperature in the final state is noted in document 3, and a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived making it possible to carry out thread rolling of magnesium alloy at low temperature after drawing process in a manner described in document 4.

The handling, cutting and heat treatment of claims 8-16 are found to be processes that can be easily performed as required by a person skilled in the art in the field of screw manufacturing .